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UNKNOWN
HELLO! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! COME ALONG AND FOLLOW STEVE ROSS AS HE LOSES HIMSELF ALONG THE TWISTED PATHS OF DESTINY...HE WAS ALMOST FREE...BUT ...COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!!
LET'S GO TO THE BAHIA LUMBER CAMP IN SOUTH AMERICA...THAT'S LEW WELCH'S NEW ENGINEER...WE'LL GO IN WITH HIM!
BE IN IN A FEW MINUTES, MR. WELCH !!
IT'S ABOUT TIME! I WAS WONDERING IF WE'D EVER GET THERE !!
BAHIA

YOU'RE LEW WELCH, AREN'T YOU? WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU...WELCOME TO THE BLACK HOLE OF CALCUTTA! I'M STEVE ROSS!!
GLAD TO MEET YOU!!
HEY! ARE YOU GUYS BROTHERS? YOU LOOK LIKE TWINS!!
YOU CAN BUNK IN WITH ME! I'LL BE GLAD TO HAVE COMPANY!!
SEE, THERE THEY GO, ALIKE AS TWO PEAS IN A POD!!
THANKS!!
ANOTHER PAGE IN THE BOOK OF FATE HAS BEGUN TO TURN!!
ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL GET OUT OF HERE...I... I HATE THIS PLACE! I HATE THE JUNGLE! WAIT TIL YOU'VE BEEN HERE AS LONG AS I HAVE!!
HOW LONG IS THAT?
SIX YEARS! SIX YEARS OF THIS!!
GETTING OUT MEANS NOTHING TO ME...I HAVEN'T BEEN HOME IN TWENTY YEARS... AND I HAVE A THIRTY-ROOM HOUSE AND FIVE HUNDRED ACRES TO GO TO!!
WOW! WHERE IS THIS PLACE? IS IT ALL YOURS?
GETTING LATE! GUESS I'LL TURN IN! I'LL HAVE PLENTY TO DO TOMORROW AND THAT RIDE WAS NO PICNIC! GOOD NIGHT, ROSS!!
THAT'S FATE FOR YOU! WELCH COULD LEAD A DECENT LIFE AND DOESN'T WANT TO!..I DO AND WHAT HAVE I GOT? THIS!!

ROSS AND WELCH ARE FAST FRENDS NOW....BUT ENVY AND JEALOUSY CAN CHANGE A GREAT DEAL OF THINGS!!
COME ON OVER TO THE REC SHACK FOR A DRINK, LEW! IT'S ON ME!!
OKAY, STEVE, COMING!!
HERE'S TO GETTING OUT OF THIS STINKING JUNGLE AND HERE'S TO... WHERE DID YOU SAY THAT ESTATE OF YOURS IS?
HERE'S TO YOU, MY FRIEND!!
MUCH LATER...
SEE THESE PAPERS? THEY'RE A TICKET TO A LIFE OF EASE AND COMFORT... BUT... WHO WANTS IT?... I HATE TH' PLACE!!
THAT'S THE DEED, HUH?
YEAH, THAT'S THE DEED!... MY IDENTIFICATION, THE WORKS!! THAT'S WORTH ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND BUCKS!! BUT WHAT DO I CARE ABOUT DOUGH? YOU OUGHT TO BE SATISFIED LIKE ME!!
WHY SHOULD YOU HAVE ALL THAT AND NOT USE... AHH!... I'D BETTER GO!!
NOW, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM?
WHAT EVIL SCHEME HAS BEGUN TO FOMENT IN ROSS' DISORDERED MIND???
WHY DON'T I EVER GET A BREAK? I'D BE OUTA HERE BEFORE... BLAZES! WE LOOK LIKE TWINS! I WONDER IF THERE IS SOME WAY TO GET RID OF THAT GUY??

THEY BRING IN A DEADLY CORAL SNAKE! PERHAPS ROSS' CHANCE HAS COME!!
HEY YOU! BRING THAT OVER HERE!!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS! I'D BETTER SHOOT HIM! HE'S TOO DANGEROUS TO PLAY AROUND WITH!!
LATER, THAT EVENING....
WHAT DOES ROSS PLAN NOW? HE SEEMS TO BE ARRANGING A GETAWAY! THE FINGERS OF FATE ARE SLOWLY CLOSING!!
PEPE...GET ME TO THE COAST AND I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS!!
SI! WE LEAVE BY THE RIVER! BE READY IN TWO HOURS!!
I'LL BE AT THE BIG ROCK AT ELEVEN! GET PLENTY OF PROVISIONS!!
LEAVE IT TO ME! I FIX EVERYTHING!!
SEE...HE PUTS THE DEADLY SERPENT INTO WELCH'S BED! REMEMBER, ROSS..."BLOOD FOR BLOOD ATONES!" YOU HAD BETTER HURRY, ROSS! HERE COMES WELCH!!
WHEW, BUT I'M TIRED!... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, ROSS? SOMETHING WRONG!!
I'LL... I'M OKAY!!

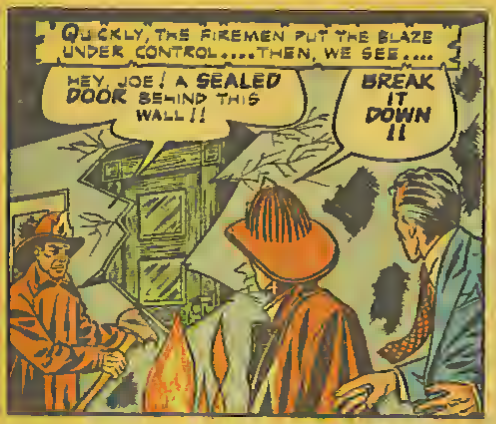
THE SNAKE STRIKES!
LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT A TOUCH.... OHHHH!..!...
YOUR USEFULNESS TO ME HAS COME TO AN END, LITTLE FRIEND, SO.....
BANG!
NOW I CAN HAVE THAT ESTATE AND MONEY!.. YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE AND DIDN'T USE IT.... NOW, I'LL HAVE MINE! WE LOOK ENOUGH ALIKE TO FOOL MY MOTHER! MEET YOUR NEW SELF, WELCH!!
YOU... ..AHH... AAAGH!!
THERE IS NO TURNING BACK NOW, STEVE ROSS! HURRY!...CIVILIZATION AND A LIFE OF EASE AWAIT YOU! YOU ARE RID OF THE JUNGLE!.. YOU ARE FREE! ... PERHAPS!!
WE BE TO COAST IN TWO DAY, MAYBE THREE! DEPENDS ON RAPIDS!!
THE SOONER, THE BETTER!!
HANG ON, ROSS! IT'S NOT GOING TO BE AS EASY TO COLLECT AS YOU THOUGHT!!
EASY, PEPE, EASY! WE'LL CAPSIZE!!
LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT!!
JUMP! QUICK!!
CRASH!

I WON'T DROWN!! NOT WHEN I'M SO CLOSE! I'VE GOT TO LIVE!!
MY OILSKIN PACKET AND PAPERS! THEY'RE SAFE! I CAN'T BE BEATEN!!
HUH?
LATER AS ROSS SLEEPS...
...ROSS LIES IN REPOSE... HE IS SURE HE HAS BEATEN DESTINY... BUT HAS HE?.. HE HASN'T RECKONED WITH THE GREEDY MIND OF PEPE. WATCH!!
WHAT TH' .....!!
I WANT PAPERS!!
ROSS QUICKLY SPRINGS TO HIS FEET AND...
TRY TO KILL ME WOULD YOU?
LET GO!!
THOUGHT YOU COULD STOP ME DIDN'T YOU? NO ONE CAN! I... I WILL GET OUT I TELL YOU!!
AHHGH!!

ADMIRABLE! MASTER OF HIS FATE! CAPTAIN OF HIS SOUL! MAYBE ROSS WILL MAKE IT!.. I WONDER.....
I DON'T NEED HIM! I'LL MAKE IT ALONE !!!
LOOK! DAYS LATER HE'S NOT SO COCKY!.. ONLY WHAT HE CAN GET WITH THOSE PAPERS DRIVES HIM ON !!!!
THE COAST... I MUST MAKE THE COAST!!
THAT IS THE SAN MARIN MISSION ON THE COAST... HE MADE IT... ROSS IS HOLDING FAST TO DESTINY BUT HOW LONG CAN HIS STRENGTH LAST?
COAST!.. !... MUST...GET...
SEE...A FEW MONTHS REST HAVE MADE A NEW MAN OF ROSS...IN A FEW DAYS HE WILL BE MR. LEWIS WELCH RETURNING HOME AFTER TWENTY YEARS... LET US TRAVEL WITH HIM...IT SHOULD PROVE VERY INTERESTING !!
I KNEW I'D MAKE IT!!
THE NEXT WEEK, AT A SUBURBAN RAILROAD STATION, WE SEE...
HELLO, LEW, KNOW YOU ANYWHERE! A LITTLE OLDER, PERHAPS, BUT THE SAME OLD LEW! DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME? MR. VELTMAN, YOUR LAWYER... COME ON, THE CAR IS JUST OUT FRONT!!
YES...YES, OF COURSE! HOW ARE YOU!
LINWOOD
...LATER...
...IT WAS TRAGIC WHEN SHE DISAPPEARED, BUT I KNEW YOU'D GET OVER IT EVENTUALLY! GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK!!
IT'S BIGGER THAN I THOUGHT...ER...I MEAN, IT LOOKS BIG AFTER ALL THIS TIME !!

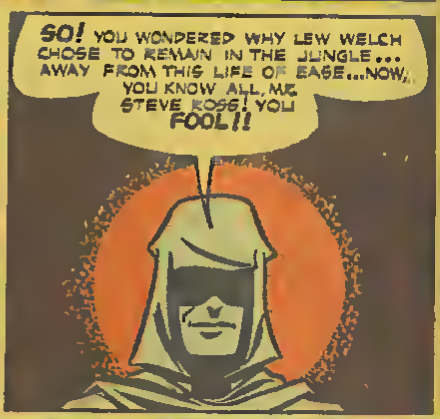
I'LL HAVE YOUR PAPERS CHECKED AND FILED! WELL, GUESS I'LL BE GOING AND LET YOU GET SETTLED! SO LONG, STEVE!
GOODBYE, JAY, THANKS!!
SLEEK AND CONTENT, ISN'T HE? DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A MAN WHO HAS MURDERED TWO MEN, DOES HE! SIX MONTHS AND ROSS HAS BECOME A SOLID, RESPECTED CITIZEN... AMUSING, EH?
THIS IS THE LIFE! WELL, I'VE EARNED IT..... I THINK I'LL LOOK OVER THE WEST WING! IT'S IN NEED OF REPAIR!!
WHAT'S THIS, PICTURES? MY ..ER.. FAMILY, NO DOUBT! IT'S LUCKY I CAME UP HERE!!
HM! WELCH AND HIS WIFE WHO DISAPPEARED! THINK I'D BETTER DESTROY THESE BEFORE SOMEONE SEES THE DIFFERENCE IN US!!
THERE'S A GOOD PLACE TO BURN THEM..... IN THAT WASTEBASKET! I'D BETTER PLAY SAFE!!

WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS WIFE! IF IT WEREN'T FOR HER LEAVING WELCH I WOULDN'T HAVE ALL THIS.....
SHE WAS QUITE A LOOKER... HEY! THE FLAME HAS CAUGHT ON TO THE DRAPES!!
I'VE GOT TO GET THIS OUT OR THE WHOLE HOUSE WILL GO UP!!
HELP! FIRE! FIRE!!
LOOK! THE WELCH HOUSE IS ON FIRE!!
LET'S GET THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!!
A FEW MINUTES LATER.....
LET'S GO, BOYS! GET THAT PUMPER GOING!!


QUICKLY, THE FIREMEN PUT THE BLAZE UNDER CONTROL....THEN, WE SEE....
HEY, JOE! A SEALED DOOR BEHIND THIS WALL!!
BREAK IT DOWN!!

WH...WHAT'S THAT?
WELL, I'LL BE...!!
CRASH

GEE! JUST LIKE ONE OF THEM MYSTERY STORIES!!
SAY! THIS MUST BE WELCH'S WIFE! SHE DISAPPEARED TWENTY YEARS AGO!!

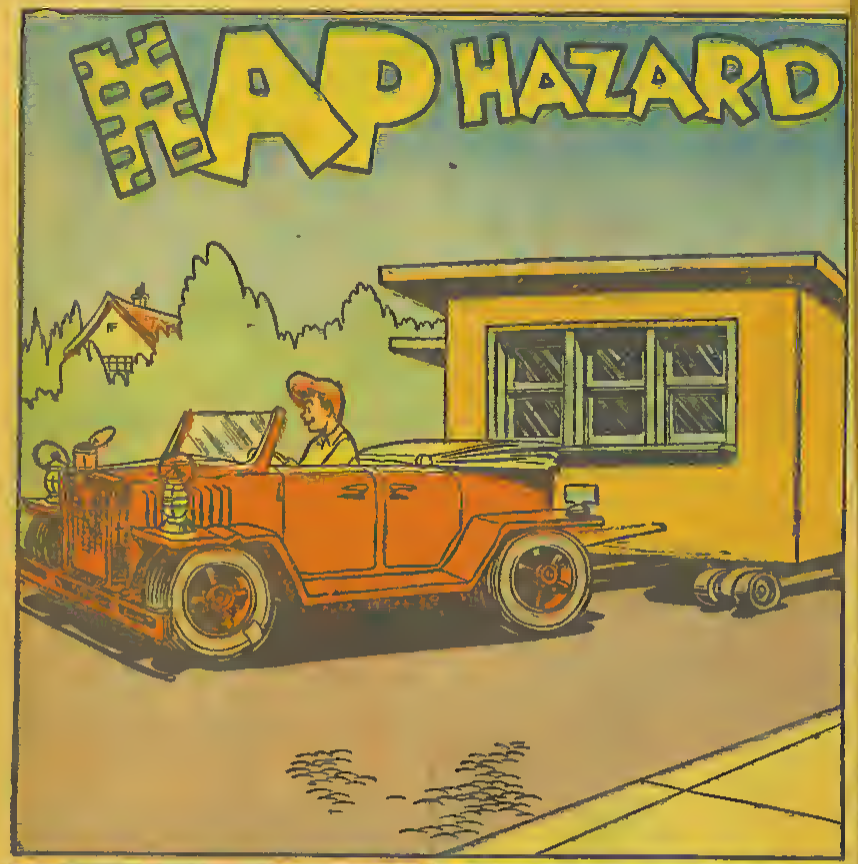

SO! YOU WONDERED WHY LEW WELCH CHOSE TO REMAIN IN THE JUNGLE... AWAY FROM THIS LIFE OF EASE...NOW, YOU KNOW ALL, MR. STEVE ROSS! YOU FOOL!!

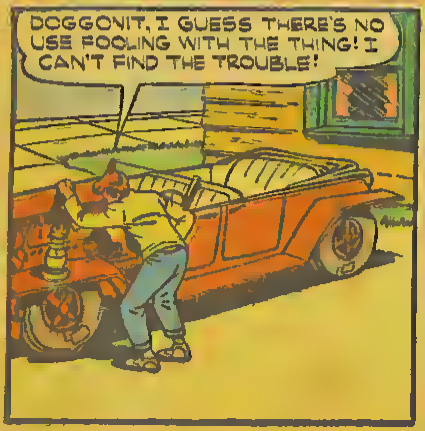
WHAT'S THIS PIECE OF CLOTH?
LOOKS LIKE A NOTE!..SEE WHAT IT SAYS, GEORGE!!

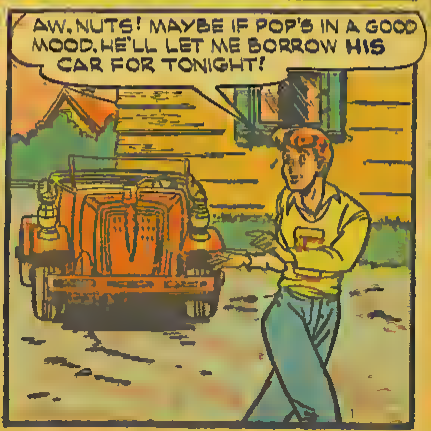
Lew Welch stabbed me Lew Welch

GIVE ME THAT PIECE OF CLOTH!!
NOT SO FAST, MR. WELCH! I THINK YOU'D BETTER COME ALONG WITH US!!
LET ME GO!..!... I'LL KILL YOU!!
LATER, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
WATCH HIM SQUIRM IN THE COILS OF FATE... SECURITY, WEALTH, RESPECTABILITY, GONE IN A FLASH! MASTER OF HIS FATE, INDEED!!
WELCH, THAT WAS A BEAUTIFUL JOB YOU DID! IF IT WASN'T FOR THE FIRE, WE NEVER WOULD HAVE FOUND OUT! TAKE HIM OUT, BOYS!!
I DIDN'T DO IT! I'M NOT WELCH! I CAN PROVE IT! I DIDN'T DO IT, I TELL YOU!!
I GUESS HE THINKS HE CAN GET OFF ON AN INSANITY PLEA!!
AND SO, IN A FEW SHORT WEEKS WE SEE...
LEW WELCH, YOU ARE SENTENCED TO HANG BY THE NECK UNTIL DEAD FOR THE WILLFUL MURDER OF YOUR WIFE, LOIS...GOD SAVE YOUR SOUL!!
BUT... I'M INNOCENT! I'M STEVE ROSS, NOT WELCH!.... WON'T SOMEONE BELIEVE ME?
HE NEARLY WON...NEARLY...THE UNKNOWN HAS A GRIM SENSE OF HUMOR...ROSS KILLED WELCH TO GET HIS WEALTH AND POSSESSIONS AND NOW PAYS WITH HIS LIFE FOR THE CRIME COMMITTED BY WELCH! A FAIR BARGAIN...A LIFE FOR A LIFE..."BLOOD FOR BLOOD ATONES"...HE CONQUERED EVERYTHING BUT THE UNKNOWN!!
THE END

H-AP HAZARD

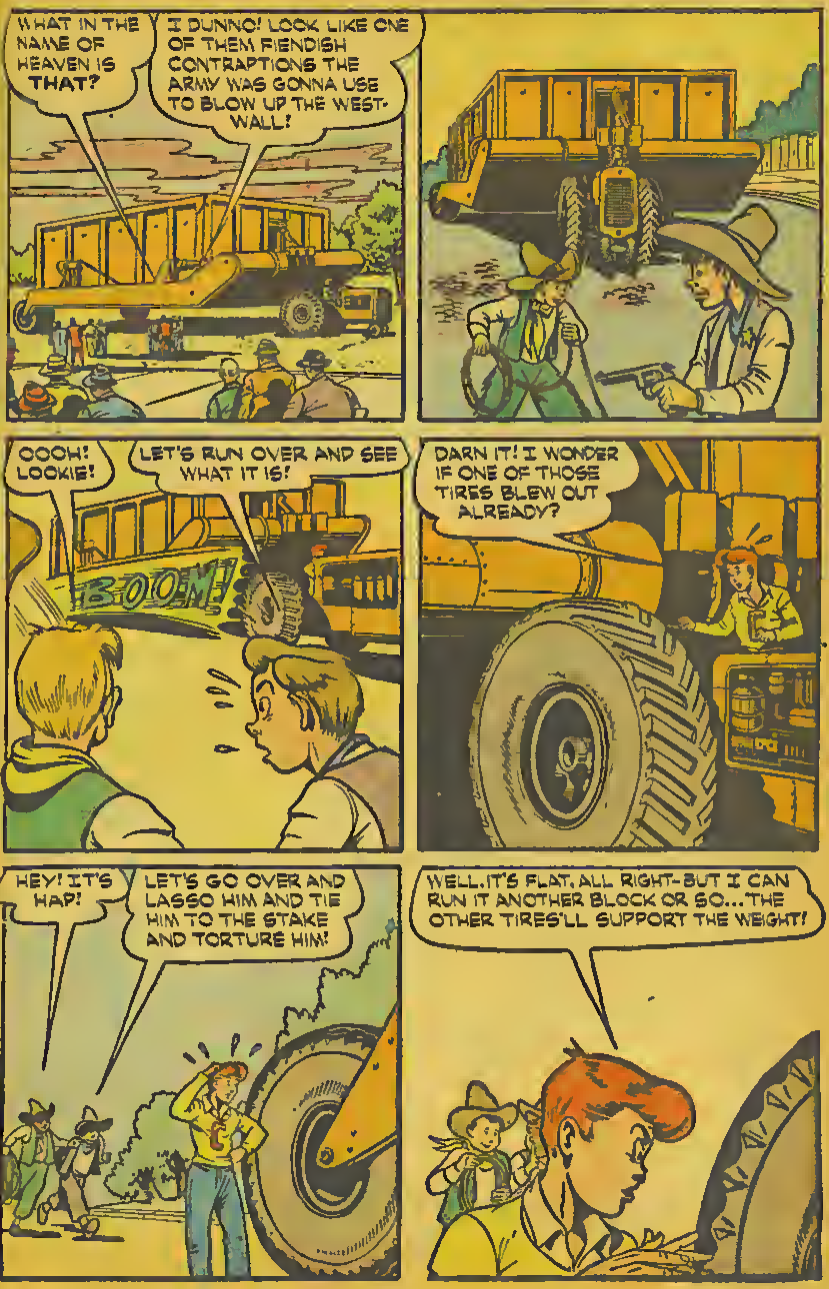



DOGGONIT, I GUESS THERE'S NO USE FOOLING WITH THE THING! I CAN'T FIND THE TROUBLE!


AW, NUTS! MAYBE IF POP'S IN A GOOD MOOD, HE'LL LET ME BORROW HIS CAR FOR TONIGHT!

POP'S PROBABLY IN THE OFFICE AT THIS HOUR, SO I'LL STOP HERE FIRST.
W.C. BAGGS HAULING CONSTRUCTION
WOW! LOOKIT THAT! MUST BE THE NEW CONCRETE HOUSE-LAYING MACHINE POP WAS WAITING FOR!
BUT I TELL YOU THE HOUSE-LAYER JUST ARRIVED, ABNER! I CAN'T GET IT OUT TO YOUR LOT RIGHT NOW... ALL MY MEN ARE OUT ON JOBS!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! IF YOU DON'T GET THE MACHINE OUT THERE TODAY YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND CANCEL YOUR ORDER, THEN! GOODBYE!
HAVING TROUBLES, POP?
HUH? OH, IT'S YOU, IS IT? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WELL-ER-YOU SEE, MY JALOPY ISN'T RUNNING, AND I THOUGHT...
YOU THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BORROW MY CAR, EH? AS IF I'M NOT HAVING ENOUGH TROUBLE WITH BANKER BOGGS WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT A JALOPY!

HERE I'VE SPENT THREE MONTHS SELLING HIM ON THE IDEA OF BUILDING AN ALL-CONCRETE HOUSE ON HIS VACANT LOT AND NOW HE WANTS TO CANCEL THE ORDER UNLESS I GET THE MACHINERY OUT THERE TODAY!
HMM! WAIT A MINUTE! DIDN'T YOU JUST GET YOUR LICENSE TO DRIVE CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY LAST WEEK?
WHY-ER-YES! WHY?
WHY? BECAUSE YOU CAN HOP INTO THAT NEW HOUSE-LAYING MACHINE AND DRIVE IT OUT TO BOGGS' LOT AND LEAVE IT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION GANG TO WORK ON WHEN THEY COME OFF THEIR OTHER JOBS!
YOU TAKE CARE OF THAT LITTLE MATTER AND MAYBE WE CAN ARRANGE ABOUT USING THE CAR TONIGHT! TAKE THAT MACHINE OUT TO THE CORNER LOT ON VINE AND MAPLE!
OKAY!
WOW! WHAT A MACHINE! I'LL BET I GET THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE ROAD WITH THIS BABY!


WHAT IN THE NAME OF HEAVEN IS THAT?
I DUNNO! LOOK LIKE ONE OF THEM FIENDISH CONTRAPTIONS THE ARMY WAS GONNA USE TO BLOW UP THE WEST-WALL!
OOOH! LOOKIE!
LET'S RUN OVER AND SEE WHAT IT IS!
BOOM!
DARN IT! I WONDER IF ONE OF THOSE TIRES BLEW OUT ALREADY?
HEY! IT'S HAP!
LET'S GO OVER AND LASSO HIM AND TIE HIM TO THE STAKE AND TORTURE HIM!
WELL, IT'S FLAT, ALL RIGHT-BUT I CAN RUN IT ANOTHER BLOCK OR SO... THE OTHER TIRES'LL SUPPORT THE WEIGHT!

YIPPEE! WE'VE GOT YOU, DEAD-EYE DICK!
HUH?
AW, RUN ALONG, SMALL FRY! I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!
GEE, HAP! CAN'T WE HAVE ANY FUN AT ALL?
GO AROUND AND LASSO SOMETHING ELSE, IF YOU WANT TO! I'M BUSY!
YIPPEE! I'M BUCK JONES!
SEZ YOU! I'M ROY ROGERS! WATCH ME LASSO THAT SIGN POST!
VINE ST.
ELM ST.
BOY! DIDJA SEE THAT? PRETTY GOOD, HUH?
AW, NOT SO HOT!
ELM ST.
GEE! I MUST'VE GOT CONFUSED! I ALWAYS THOUGHT THESE STREETS RAN JUST THE OPPOSITE WAY! OH, WELL...
ELM ST.

WELL, THIS HAS GOT TO BE THE RIGHT PLACE... IT'S THE ONLY VACANT LOT ON THE STREET!
WELL, THAT'S THAT! THE CONSTRUCTION CREW CAN FINISH THE JOB NOW!
COUPLE OF HOURS LATER...
LET'S GET GOING, DICK!
YEAH! WE CAN HAVE THIS JOB DOWN BEFORE SUNDOWN!
LATER..
WELL, SON-TIME TO GO HOME! YOU DRIVE ME TO THE HOUSE AND YOU CAN HAVE THE CAR FOR THE EVENING!
THAT'S SWELL, POP!
OH-OH! THE PHONE'S RINGING, POP!
WAIT TILL I GET IT, HAP!
R-R-I-N-G!

WHO? OH, BANKER BOGGS! WELL, LISTEN-YOUR HOUSE IS ALL BUILT! GO ON OUT AND LOOK AT IT IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME!
WHAT! YOU SAY IT WAS BUILT ON SOMEONE ELSE'S LOT? IMPOSSIBLE! I'LL GO OUT THERE RIGHT NOW AND LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION!
AHEM! HAP! YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS! BANKER BOGGS' LOT IS ON THE OTHER STREET. A BLOCK AWAY! AND LOOK AT THE MOB OUT HERE!
SCREECH!
THERE HE IS!
MISTER HAZARD! I'LL GIVE YOU TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THIS HOUSE!
WELL-ER-I'D BE GLAD TO SELL IT TO YOU, LAWYER SCRAGG... BUT IT HAPPENS THAT IT DOESN'T BELONG TO ME!

OH, MY! HERE COMES BANKER BOGGS!
LISTEN HERE, HAZARD-DON'T LISTEN TO THESE OFFERS! I'LL GIVE YOU FIFTEEN THOUSAND FOR THIS HOUSE AND LOT...AND MY OFFER TO BUILD ME ONE ON MY LOT STILL GOES!
I WAS JUST EXPLAINING TO SCRAGG, HERE, THAT I CAN'T SELL IT! THIS ISN'T MY PROPERTY!
OH, YES IT IS! YOU BOUGHT THIS LOT FIFTEEN YEARS AGO! I KNOW! I HANDLED THE TITLE OF THE PROPERTY FOR YOU!
HA-HA! OF COURSE! DIDN'T THINK YOU'D REMEMBER IT! WELL, I'LL BE GLAD TO SELL IT TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER... FOR ABOUT TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS!
GIVE ME FIRST BID, HAZARD!
I'VE KNOWN YOU A LONG TIME, HAZARD! GIVE ME FIRST CRACK AT IT!
PATIENCE, GENTLEMEN! IN DUE TIME, I'LL BE ABLE TO BUILD FOR ALL OF YOU!
I THINK THIS IS THE SPOT FOR ME TO EXIT, COMPLETE WITH THE CAR!

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OH, MY GOODNESS! ARE YOU HURT?
NO I'M NOT HURT-- I'M HARRIGAN!
AND WHAT IS YOUR NAME, LITTLE ONE? NEVER MIND! I'LL MAKE IT HARRIGAN AS SOON AS YOU KNOW ME BETTER!
FRESH!
SO THAT'S IT! SHE'S NEW IN THIS BUILDING! I'LL BEAT HER TO THE EXIT!
HURRY-UP HARRIGAN! OFF ON AN IMPORTANT STORY, NO DOUBT!
A MOMENT LATER...
PLEASE SHOW YOUR VISITOR'S PASSES WHEN LEAVING THE BUILDING, PLEASE!
V-V-VISITOR'S PASS? I DON'T HAVE ANY!
YOU AGAIN! YOU-YOU-YOU UNSPEAKABLE TRAMP!
THAT'S SLANDER, MA'AM! I'LL HAVE TO DETAIN YOU FOR A DINNER DATE! BESIDES, DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M THINKING?
WOW! NOW WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT FOR?
BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING!

C'MON! HAVE A HEART! LISTEN TO REASON! LISTEN ALSO TO HARRIGAN!
IF YOU DON'T STOP ANNOYING ME I'LL CALL THE POLICE!
MYFISTO
MIND REA
GOOD! GOOD! ANY COP IN PARTICULAR YOU'D LIKE TO CALL? I KNOW 'EM ALL! I'M HURRY-UP HARRIGAN, THE TOWN'S ACE POLICE REPORTER!
MYFISTO
MIND REA
WELL, YOU CAN TAKE ALL THE COPS IN THIS TOWN AND LAY THEM END TO END IN FRONT OF A BULLDOZER, FOR ALL I CARE!
AW, I WOULDN'T SAY THAT! I'D...
Y FISTO
HEY! THAT PICTURE - ON THE POSTER! THAT'S YOU!
MARVELOUS DEDUCTION! BUT DON'T ASK ME FOR ANY FREE PASSES--YOUR MARVELOUS POLICE DEPARTMENT WON'T GIVE US A LICENSE TO OPEN!
YFISTO
READER
WELL, YOU KNOW HOW IT IS--THEY DON'T WANT ANY PHONEY FORTUNE TELLERS PRACTICING THEIR RACKETS AROUND HERE!
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG! MYFISTO IS ON THE LEVEL! HE CAN ACTUALLY READ A PERSON'S MIND!
ARE YOU ON THE LEVEL? C'MON! TAKE ME TO THIS GUY, MYFISTO!

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS... BACKSTAGE AT A LOCAL THEATER...
NOW I GOT A PROPOSITION, MYFISTO! HERE'S THE IDEA...
STOP RIGHT THERE MEESTER HARRIGAN! I KNOW ALREADY WHAT YOUR IDEA IS! PLEASE CONCENTRATE!
YOU ARE THEENKING... THEENKING PERHAPS I CAN READ THE MIND OF... OF A MAN SUSPECTED OF MURDER... YOU ARE THEENKING OF MY ASSISTANT... BUT-- WE SHALL NOT DISCUSS THAT!
HEY! YOU HIT THAT RIGHT ON THE HEAD! ABOUT READING THIS GUY'S MIND, I MEAN! MAYBE YOU'RE AN OKAY JOE AFTER ALL!
LISTEN, MYFISTO! YOU COME OVER TO THE HOOSEGOW WHERE THEY GOT THIS MUG IN THE JUG, AND LET'S SEE YOU READ HIS MIND!
MYFISTO CANNOT FAIL!
YOU SEE, THEY FIGURE THIS GUY KNOCKED OFF AN OLD GUY AND HIS WIFE ON A LITTLE FARM OUT OF TOWN... BUT THEY CAN'T FIND THE GUN THAT DID IT AND SO THEY CAN'T PIN ANYTHING ON HIM!
IF YOU ONLY CAN TUNE IN ON HIS NOGGIN! WE COULD FIND OUT WHERE HE PUT THAT GUN AFTER HE KNOCKED THEM OFF!
IF HE WEEL THINK ABOUT THE HIDING PLACE OF THE GUN -- I WILL KNOW WHERE IT IS! ONE MOMENT, PLEASE!

HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING? WE GOTTA HURRY UP OVER TO THE HOOSEGOW!
MYFISTO MIND READER
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?
HOTEL METROPOLE
COME, FRIEND HARRIGAN, WE GO!
WE GO? WE PUZZLED!
UPLIFT SHOES

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...
SO YOU WANT THIS GUY TO READ MIKE BROGAN'S MIND, EH, HARRIGAN? WELL, YOU'VE HAD SCREWIER IDEAS THAN THAT-- BUT I DON'T REMEMBER WHEN!
AW, SARGE! GIVE THE SWAMI HERE A CHANCE!
WELL, I DUNNO! BUT ON THE OTHER HAND --IF WE DON'T FIND THE GUN, WE AIN'T GOT NO CASE AGAINST THIS GUY!
THAT'S RIGHT! AND REMEMBER-- YOU CAN'T KEEP HIM IN THE COOLER FOREVER!
BUT REMEMBER THIS: IF THIS GUY IS A PHONEY, WE'LL LOCK *HIM* UP, TOO! AND JUST FOR GOOD MEASURE, HARRIGAN, WE'LL PUT YOU IN THERE TO KEEP HIM COMPANY... AS AN ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT!
OKAY, HARRIGAN! THE SARGE SAYS IT'S OKAY--SO IT'S OKAY! COME ON!
WAIT HERE, BEAUTIFUL! JUST SIT DOWN AND DREAM BEAUTIFUL THOUGHTS OF ME!
THE GUY'S IN THE THIRD CELL ON THE RIGHT DOWN THERE, *HARRIGAN!*
HURRY UP, SWAMI! I WANTA MAKE THIS A SNAPPY ONE!

ONE HOUR LATER...
ANY TREMENDOUS THOUGHT WAVES YOU CAN HOOK ONTO YET, SWAMI?
I AM GETTING THOUGHT WAVES ... BUT NOT THE ONE WE SEEK, AS YET!
HMMMM...
BAM! BANG! BAM... BAM ... BAM!
BAM! BANG! BAM... BAM... BAM!
ANY SOAP, SWAMI?
SHHH!... I AM GETTING A MENTAL PICTURE, NOW! SHHH!
COME, MY FRIEND! I HAVE GAINED THE THOUGHT I SEEK!
BOY, I HOPE MY BANANA GUN MADE HIM THINK OF THE REAL ONE ... HURRY UP!

SHORTLY AFTER...
I SEE A STONE CULVERT... UNDERNEATH ARE SOME WEEDS...
STEP ON IT, MULVANEY! GET OUT OF SECOND AND HURRY-UP!
THERE! THAT IS IT! THAT IS THE MENTAL IMAGE I PICKED UP FROM YOUR PRISONER!
STOP THE CAR, MULVANEY!
P.D.
THE GUN...IT IS HIDDEN DOWN THERE! SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND!
THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR ME! I BET WE FIND SOME KID'S CAP PISTOL!
MY SOUL AND BODY! IT IS A GUN...AND I HAVE A SNEAKIN' HUNCH IT'S THE ONE BROSAN HID!
LATER...BACK AT HEADQUARTERS...
WHAT HAPPENED, BOYS?
THAT ENDS THE CASE, SARGE! AS SOON AS WE CONFRONTED HIM WITH THE GUN, HE BROKE DOWN AND CONFESSED!
NOW, SARGE! I DEMAND THAT YOU LICENSE MYFISTO TO PRACTICE HIS ACT IN THIS CITY! HE'S OBVIOUSLY NOT A PHONEY!
THIS IS ONE TIME I AIN'T ARGUIN', HARRIGAN! LICENSE GRANTED!

BACK IN THE POLICE PRESS ROOM...
OF ALL THE PHONEY IDEAS TO HAVE -- AND IT WORKED!
HE'LL BE WORSE THAN EVER TO LIVE WITH NOW! I CAN JUST SEE HIS HEADLINE: STAR REPORTER BREAKS CASE!
THERE WE ARE! ALL DONE! ONE OF THE BEST STORIES OF THE YEAR!
HEY! YOU GUYS! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? YOU BUNCH OF #$%&'(*)#!!
IS IT SO TERRIBLE TO BE LOCKED ON THIS SIDE OF THE DOOR WHEN I'M HERE, TOO?
HUH? OH--! GOSH! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME? I MUST BE LOSING MY MIND!
THAT'S FOR GETTING MYFISTO'S LICENSE FOR HIM!
ULP! THE THOUGHT WAVES I AM GETTING NOW! OI, YOI-YOI!
PRESS ROOM P.D.

CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS

'ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD' IS PROVEN TO BE ABSOLUTELY TRUE WHEN THE $4,000,000 CROWN JEWELS OF LAURTANIA ARE STOLEN. CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS' NEWEST ASSIGNMENT MATCHES HIM AGAINST ONE OF THE MOST CUNNING AND DANGEROUS MINDS IN EUROPE.

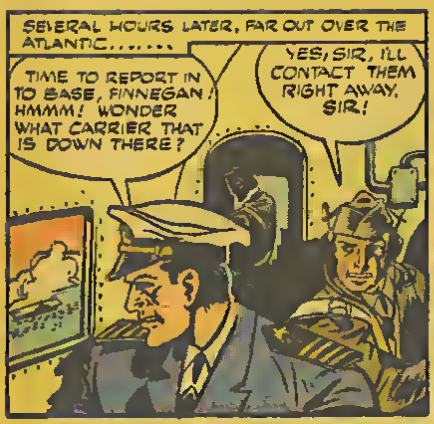
IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

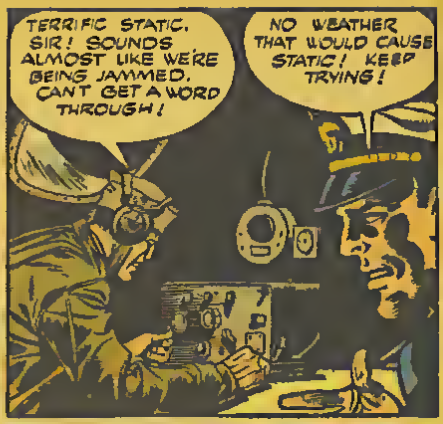
CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS, THIS IS COUNT ARMAND OF LAURTANIA, ENVOY OF THE ROYAL FAMILY. HE WILL ACCOMPANY YOU ON YOUR NEW ASSIGNMENT.

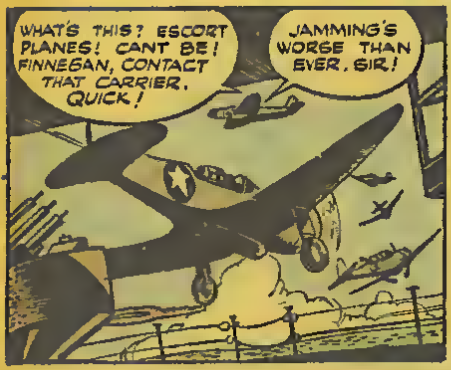
I HAVE HEARD OF THE GALLANT COURAGEOUS! MY CONFIDENCE IN A SAFE JOURNEY HAS INCREASED A HUNDRED-FOLD!

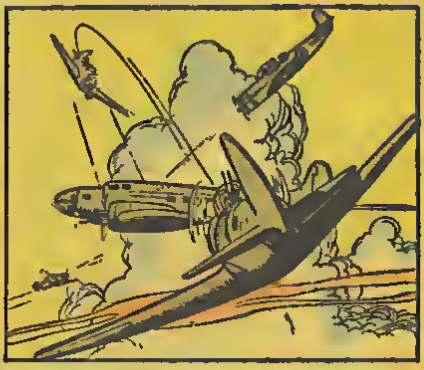
CAPTAIN, AS YOU KNOW, THE CROWN JEWELS OF LAURTANIA WERE SENT HERE FOR SAFE-KEEPING DURING THE WAR. THEY ARE VALUED AT OVER FOUR MILLION DOLLARS. IT IS YOUR JOB TO GET THEM BACK WITHOUT MISHAP!

LATER. ABOARD A FORMER NAVAL ESCORT CARRIER, NOW A GAMBLING SHIP, ANCHORED OFF THE COAST...
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IF YOU, ER, CODPERATE, MR. SCHWIN! OF COURSE I MUST BE CERTAIN THE FLIGHT DECK IS STILL USABLE!
IT IS! COME ON WE'LL GO UP AND HAVE A LOOK AT IT!
WHEN WE BOUGHT THIS SHIP AS NAVY SURPLUS WE LEFT THE FLIGHT DECK JUST AS IT WAS!
EXCELLENT! EXCELLENT! NOW I MUST GO! I SHALL GIVE YOU FULL INSTRUCTIONS WHEN THE TIME COMES!
A FEW DAYS LATER, AT A NAVAL AIRBASE.....
WE TAKE OFF AS SOON AS COUNT ARMAND ARRIVES! HE'S LATE NOW!
CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS! TELEPHONE FOR YOU, SIR!
IT IS REGRETTABLE CAPTAIN! I SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY YOU! VITAL DIPLOMATIC MATTERS CONCERNING MY COUNTRY HAVE ARISEN!
VERY WELL, COUNT ARMAND, WE LEAVE WITHOUT YOU!
WE'LL RADIO OUR POSITION HALF-HOURLY, USING THE C-2 CODE!
CORRECT! NOTHING MUST BE TRANSMITTED IN THE CLEAR!
MEANWHILE, AT A TRANSMITTER.....
FLIGHT OFF ON SCHEDULE! COURSE UNCHANGED! PROCEED AS PLANNED!

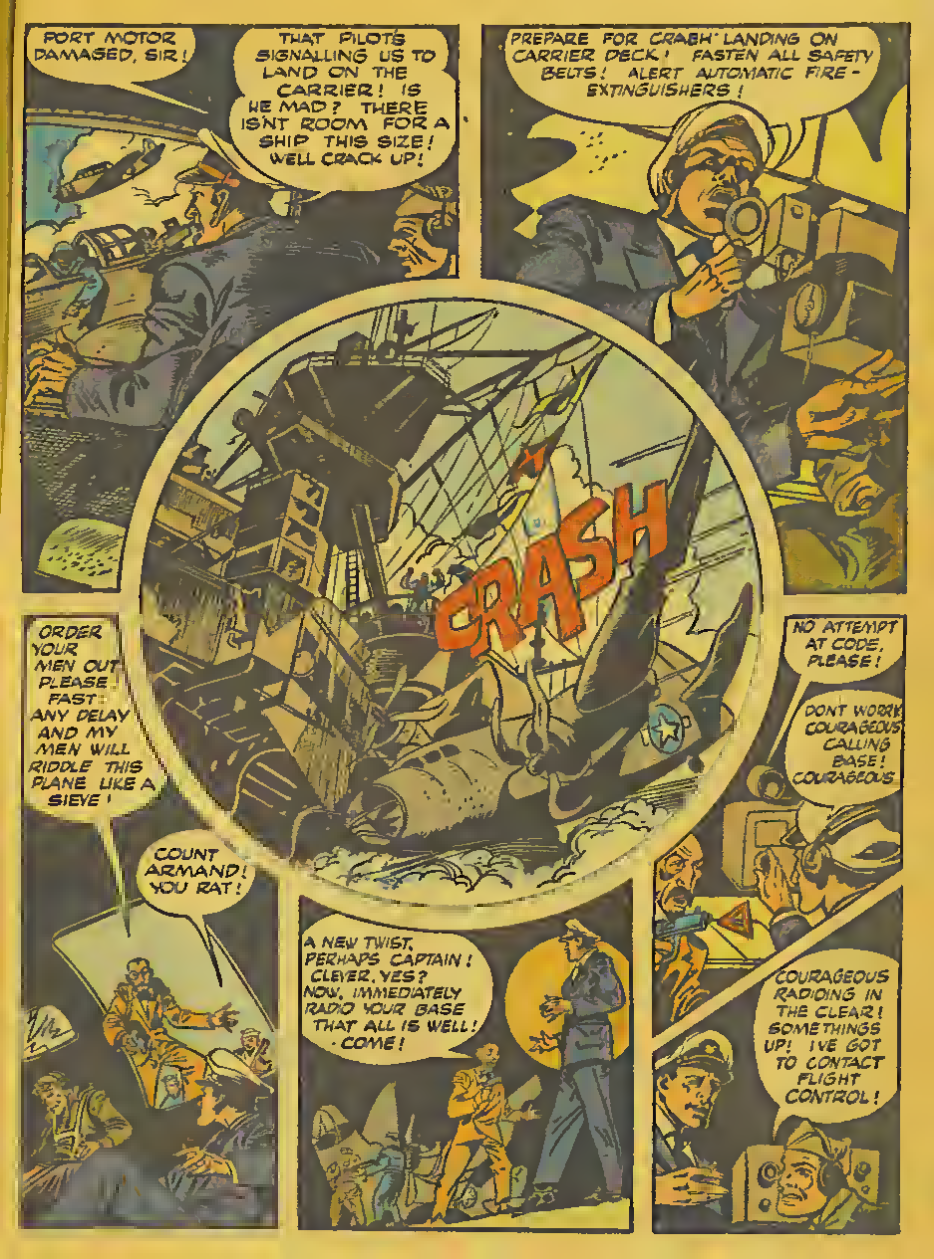

SEVERAL HOURS LATER, FAR OUT OVER THE ATLANTIC.....
TIME TO REPORT IN TO BASE, FINNEGAN! HMMM! WONDER WHAT CARRIER THAT IS DOWN THERE?
YES, SIR, I'LL CONTACT THEM RIGHT AWAY, SIR!


TERRIFIC STATIC, SIR! SOUNDS ALMOST LIKE WE'RE BEING JAMMED. CAN'T GET A WORD THROUGH!
NO WEATHER THAT WOULD CAUSE STATIC! KEEP TRYING!


WHAT'S THIS? ESCORT PLANES! CAN'T BE! FINNEGAN, CONTACT THAT CARRIER, QUICK!
JAMMING'S WORSE THAN EVER, SIR!



MAN ALL GUN TURRETS AT ONCE! BANDITS AT THREE, SIX, NNE AND TWELVE O'CLOCK! RETURN FIRE!


PORT MOTOR DAMAGED, SIR!
THAT PILOT'S SIGNALLING US TO LAND ON THE CARRIER! IS HE MAD? THERE ISN'T ROOM FOR A SHIP THIS SIZE! WELL CRACK UP!
PREPARE FOR CRASH LANDING ON CARRIER DECK! FASTEN ALL SAFETY BELTS! ALERT AUTOMATIC FIRE-EXTINGUISHERS!
CRASH
ORDER YOUR MEN OUT PLEASE! FAST! ANY DELAY AND MY MEN WILL RIDDLE THIS PLANE LIKE A SIEVE!
COUNT ARMAND! YOU RAT!
A NEW TWIST, PERHAPS CAPTAIN! CLEVER, YES? NOW, IMMEDIATELY RADIO YOUR BASE THAT ALL IS WELL! COME!
NO ATTEMPT AT CODE, PLEASE!
DONT WORK COURAGEOUS CALLING BASE! COURAGEOUS
COURAGEOUS RADIOING IN THE CLEAR! SOMETHINGS UP! I'VE GOT TO CONTACT FLIGHT CONTROL!

BACK ON FLIGHT DECK.....
THE CROWN JEWELS OF LAURTANIA WILL SUPPORT ME A LONG TIME CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS!
A ROPE WILL SUPPORT YOUR NECK A LONG TIME WHEN WE CATCH YOU, TOO, ARMAND!

BUT I WILL NOT BE CAUGHT. EVEN NOW MY MEN DESTROY YOUR RAFTS, LIFE-BELTS, GAS-TANKS EVERYTHING THAT WILL FLOAT. THE OCEAN WILL LEAVE NO TRACE!

YOU WILL ALL GET IN THE PLANE! IT WILL BE LOWERED OVER THE SIDE! SOON YOU WILL BE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN! A REGRETTABLE ACCIDENT!

ANOTHER 'LOST' TREASURE FOR HISTORIANS TO WRITE ABOUT!

THEY OVERLOOKED THESE SEAT CUSHIONS! THEY'LL FLOAT!
THERE'S FLUORESCEIN IN THE PARACHUTE EMERGENCY PACKET. SIR! IT'LL MARK OUR POSITION!

TWO HOURS LATER....
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS IT! CAN'T HOLD ON! FLUORESCEIN'S GONE..... PLANES COULDN'T.....
LOOK! LOOK! PLANES!

BASE FIGURED SOMETHING WAS PHONEY WHEN YOU SENT THAT MESSAGE IN THE CLEAR, SIR! FIGHTERS INVESTIGATING THAT CARRIER!
GET US ABOARD, MAN! I WANT TO TRAIL THAT CARRIER, TOO!
GOOD LORD! LOOK!
I WAS AFRAID OF THAT! ARMAND EVIDENTLY SET TIME CHARGES IN THE HOLD TO BLOW IT UP ONCE HE WAS SAFELY AWAY!
BACK IN NAVAL INTELLIGENCE..
THE CARRIER WAS BLOWN UP! SO THE PLANES MUST HAVE COME BACK TO LAND!
YES SIR, BUT WE'VE CHECKED ALL SALES OF SURPLUS PLANES AND EVERY ONE WAS FOR A LEGITIMATE USE!
WHAT ABOUT THIS? FOUR CARRIER-BASED FIGHTERS SOLD TO THE ACME AIR SERVICE AND JUST EIGHT DAYS AGO!
WE'LL HAVE THAT CHECKED SIR!
THAT AFTERNOON AT THE ACME AIRPORT.....
WHAT ABOUT THESE FOUR PLANES YOU BOUGHT? CAN YOU ACCOUNT FOR THEIR WHEREABOUTS SINCE YOU PURCHASED THEM?
CERTAINLY, CAN! THEY'VE BEEN REPAINTED HERE, I'LL SHOW THEM TO YOU!
WHAT ABOUT THIS WING SECTION? WHY DID YOU PUT NEW SKIN ON IT?
THE OLD SECTION WAS CORRODED THAT'S WHY!

HAD TO DO A LOT OF REPAIR WORK ON THESE CRATES!
SO I SEE, HMMM! I'D LIKE TO SEE UNDER THAT SURFACE! MAYBE I WILL!

LATE THAT NIGHT.....
I'LL SLUG THE WATCHMAN AND GET HIS KEYS! YOU TWO STAY BACK!

UGH!
SORRY, OLD MAN!

THIS IS THE ONE! GET THE MACHINE SET-UP THERES AN OUTLET IN THE WALL THERE!
HAVE IT WORKING IN A MINUTE SIR!

THIS IS IT! THIS IS THE PLANE WE SHOT UP! LOOK AT THE HOLES THOSE .50 CALIBRE SLUGS TORE!
WHAT THE FLUOROSCOPE SHOWED.

GO OUT AND GET THE GUARDS WE LEFT AT THE ROAD. I'VE GOT ALL THE EVIDENCE I NEED. BUT I MEAN TO PROTECT IT!

I WAS AFRAID OF THIS. WHEN I HEARD YOU'D EXAMINED THAT WING THIS AFTERNOON! THIS TIME ILL MAKE SURE YOU'RE DEAD!
BETTER HURRY, ARMANO!
A TRAP! I'LL GET YOU..
GRAB THAT MAN! QUICK!
YOU'RE CUT OFF ARMAND! GIVE UP, BEFORE WE SHOOT!
NEVER NEVER! I'LL KILL YOU ALL!
LOOK OUT! THAT CAN MAY BE FILLED WITH EXPLOSIVES!
STAND BACK, CAPTAIN!
THE CROWN JEWELS! SO, THATS WHY THE CAN WAS SO IMPORTANT!
YOU'VE GOT ME THIS TIME!
VERY CLEVER, IF YOUD ONLY HAVE DESTROYED THAT DAMAGED PLANE! HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO SLIP?
I DIDN'T! I ORDERED IT DESTROYED BLOWN UP, LIKE THE CARRIER! THE FOOLS DOUBLE-CROSSED ME!